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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- QUESTION OF MEMBERSHIP OF TIMOR IN
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION RAISED BY
INDONESIA

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ICO REQUESTING DELETION
OF TIMOR FROM THE LIST OF MEMBERSHIP WAS CIRCULATED TO
THE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 28:

2. QUOTE: SIR: I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO DOCUMENT
NO. EB-1405/75 IN WHICH IS STATED THAT UNDER PROVISIONS
OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF ARTICLE 65 ON THE APPLICATION OF
ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 1968 AS
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EXTENDED BY PROTOCOL, THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL HAD

NOTIFIED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT AS FROM THAT DATE TIMOR WOULD BECOME A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND ALSO TO DOCUMENT ICC-28-35 WHICH STATES:

3. (A) THAT TIMOR SHOULD BE ALLOCATED THE FOUR BASIC VOTES PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT; AND

4. (B) THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF TIMOR TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 1975/76 BE COMPUTED FROM 1 OCTOBER 1975 ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR VOTES ALLOCATED TO THAT MEMBER.

5. I PRESUME THAT THESE DOCUMENTS REFER TO THE EASTERN PART OF THE ISLAND OF TIMOR WHICH AT THE TIME WAS A PORTUGUESE TERRITORY.

6. I WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE YOU THAT ON 31ST MAY, 1976, THE EAST TIMOR ASSEMBLY HAD DECIDED THAT THE PEOPLE AND TERRITORY OF EAST TIMOR BE INTEGRATED WITH THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA; AS A RESULT, EAST TIMOR HAS BECOME THE 27TH PROVINCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, EFFECTIVE AS FROM 17TH JULY, 1976.

7. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, I KINDLY REQUEST THE COUNCIL TO DELETE TIMOR FROM THE LIST OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION.

8. IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO CIRCULATE COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

9. PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. YOURS SINCERELY, R. SUBONO, AMBASSADOR
UNQUOTE

10. INDONESIAN LETTER CAUGHT DELEGATIONS BY SURPRISE; HOWEVER, WE THINK MATTER IS LIKELY TO BECOME A NON-ISSUE SINCE NO DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED CLAIMING TO SPEAK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR TIMOR NOR IS ONE EXPECTED. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES MATTER WILL QUIETLY EXPIRE WITH THE PRESENT AGREEMENT THIS THURSDAY. SHOULD ISSUE BE BROUGHT UP ON FLOOR, SECRETARIAT'S POSITION WILL BE THAT ONLY ACTION AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL WILL BE SIMPLY TO NOTE THAT INDONESIA HAS TABLED ITS LETTER. SECRETARIAT CLAIMS COUNCIL HAS NO POWER TO ACCEPT OR ACT ON INDONESIA'S NOTIFICATION, A POSITION WHICH THEY HAVE CHECKED WITH THE UN. FOR

DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND, ICO DOCUMENTS CONCERNING
TIMOR ARE EB 1405/75 CONTAINING PORTUGAL'S NOTIFICATION
UNDER ARTICLES 4 AND 65 (2) OF THE ICA 1968 AS
EXTENDED AND THE COUNCIL'S ACTION IN TAKING NOTE OF
THIS AND ESTABLISHING A VOTE AND CONTRIBUTION FOR TIMOR,
IN ICC 28-35, ITEM 3.5.

11. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE PLAN SUPPORT
SECRETARIAT'S POSITION IF MATTER DEBATED.

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